

REMARKS

In the Office action, claim 20 was rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112, claims 1-4, 6, 9, and 19 were rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by Kiyotoshi (US 6,891,218), and claims 10, 11, and 20 were rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Kiyotoshi in view of the knowledge of a person of ordinary skill in the art or Subramanian et al. (US 5,494,837). In light of the forgoing amendment and the following remarks, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, claim 20 has been amended to address the rejection of claim 20 as indefinite. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been traversed.

The Office action relies at least in part on Kiyotoshi in rejecting claims 1-20. Kiyotoshi claims the priority of Japanese patent application number 2003-053184 filed February 28, 2003.


The instant application claims priority to Korean patent application number 10-2002-0083531 filed December 24, 2002. A translation and certification of the Korean application is submitted herewith and made of record in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.55. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that Kiyotoshi is now disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) or 35 U.S.C. 103(a) against this application. Accordingly, the rejections in the Office action are traversed and claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance.

If, for any reason, the examiner is unable to allow the application in the next official action, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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